extend assistance in completing pre-sanction and pre-disbursement formalities.

(ii) The progress of implementation of these self-employment schemes is reviewed in the meetings of the State Level Bankers' Committees (SLBCs) and District Consultative Committees (DCCs) at the State and Districts level in each State.

(iii) A Monitoring Cell has also been constituted in RBI under the overall charge of a Deputy Governor, monitor the progress of implementation of PMRY and IRDP; and

(iv) High Powered Committees have also been constituted at the Central level by the administrative Ministries implementing the various Government sponsored self-employment schemes for monitoring the progress of implementation and suggesting remedial measures wherever necessary.

STATEMENT

Statement indicating the performance of public sector banks under various Self-employment Schemes viz. integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP). Schemes of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME) and Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojna (PMRY) during the last three financial years i.e. 1993-94 1994-95 and 1995-96 and the current financial year (latest available).

(Number in Lakhs)

	Year	Physical*	
		Target	Achievement
Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP)	1993-94	25.69	25.30
	1994-95	21.15	21.72
	1995-96	N.A.	15.82
	1996-97 (upto 30th September, 1996)	N.A.	3.09

	Year	*Target*	*Sanct-ioned*	*Disbur-sement*
	1	2	3	4
Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME)	1993-94	1.23	1.83	1.49
	1994-95	1.20	1.44	1.18
	1995-96	1.17	1.18	0.93
	1996-97 (Upto 30th Septemeber, 1996)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Prime Minister's Rozgar Yonja	1993-94 (October, 1993 to March 1994)	0.42	0.32	0.21
	1994-95	2.20	1.94	1.11
	1995-96	3.21	2.94	1.63
	1996-97 (Upto 30th October, 1996)	2.93	0.62	0.25

N.A Not Available

* under IRDP the Number mentioned under physical targets and achievement denote the number of families.

Child Labour

3150. SHRI L. RAMANA :
SHRI AYYANNA PATHRUDU :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to object to American Law regarding stationing of child labour inspectors to ensure non-involvement of child labour in industries whose goods are exported to U.S.A.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) to (c). While Government of India has no specific information about the proposed US law, it will be oppsoed to any extra territorial laws which may authorise stationing in India of child labour inspectors to ensure non-involvement of child babour.

[Translation]

Foreign Investors

3151. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :
SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news item appearing in the *Navbharat Times* dated November 10,1996 under the caption 'Halat Yahi Rahe To Videshi Niveshak Vapas Chale Jayenge';

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to review its policy to increase foreign investors;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. The Government is taking appropriate measures to create a favourable investor-friendly climate for foreign investment particularly if that foreign investment will also bring modern technology and management practices and create new markets for products manufactured in the country.

Foreign Direct Investment amounting to Rs.17026.77 crores has been approved during the period July, 1996 to October, 1996 which is 3.1/2 times more than Rs.4689.34 crores approved during the same period last year. Actual inflow during the same period in 1996 has increased to Rs.2402.05 crores as against Rs.2189.18 crores during the corresponding period last year.

From the above it is evident that the foreign investors confidence has increased substantially and they now see India as a destination for their investment. Hence the question of their going back does not arise.

[English]

Export of Poor Quality of Goods to Africa

3152. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item published in 'The Times of India' dated Nov.19, 1996 under the caption 'Indians send worst goods to Africa';

(b) whether a delegation of the Ugandan business community has visited India and criticised the inferior quality of Indian goods exported to Uganda by the Indian traders;

(c) if so, whether the Government have enquired into the allegations levelled in the meeting held in New Delhi;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any steps have been taken to improve the quality of goods to Africa; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor;'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) to (f). The Govt. have noted the news-item nomenclatured 'Indians send worst goods to Africa', which appeared in 'The Times of India' dated 19th Nov., 1996. While the confederation of Indian Industry, New Delhi have invited a business delegation from Uganda, no specific complaint from ugandan importers against Indian exporters for export of sub-standard quality goods has come to the notice.

However, the following steps thave been intiated to ensure export of quality goods by Indian exporters to overseas countries :-

- Prescription of quality standards for commodities notified under The Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963;
- Recongition of certain privation inspection agencies to supplement the work of quality certification;
- organisation of seminars and workshops to educate the manufacturers and exporters on the methods of maintaining quality including packaging;
- organisation of exhibitions abroad to show quality goods from the Indian industry;
- provision of assistance by Total Quality Management Division already set up in C II to its members on establishing quality related system in the manufacturing process registered under ISO 9000 series.

V.R.S. for Employees of R.B.I.

3153. PROF. OMPAL SINGH NIDAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has recently worked out a voluntary retirement scheme for its officers/employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the RBI officers/employees thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). Reserve bank of India has reported that the terms of sub-regulations, 1948, an employees who has attained the age of 50 years may voluntarily retire after giving to the competent authority three months' notice in writing. Further, without prejudice to the Sub-regulation (3) above, an employees governed by Reserve Bank of India Pension Regulations, 1990 many voluntarily retire at any time after he has completed 20 years of qualifying service after giving to the competent authority three months' notice in writing.

(c) The information is being collected and to the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House

Purchasing through HEC

3154. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY :
SHRI MAHESH KANODIA :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state

(a) the details of the equipments purchased from H.E.C. for Coal Companies duirng the last three years and the prices thereof, separately;

(b) whether equipents which are manufactured in H.E.C. are purchased from the Private Sector parties instead of procuring them from H.E.C.; and